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COMPUTER PROGRAM	)	

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

A copy of the listed foreign patent document is attached. An English translation of a communication from the Japanese Patent Office in a corresponding patent application citing the listed document and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider this listed document and indicate that it was considered by making an appropriate notation on the attached form.

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Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed document, should it be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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